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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number

09/881,005

Filing Date

June 14, 2001

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for  
a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

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## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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AMENDMENT C

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